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DIANE SAWYER: CBS News Pentagon correspondent David Martin has learned that US intelligence has evidence linking Iran with last month's bombing of the US embassy in Beirut.

Administration sources say just a few days before the bombing US agents intercepted cables from Tehran to the Iranian embassy in Syria. One cable approved a \$25,000 payment for an attack against an unnamed installation in Beirut. Another arranged for the passage of 12 Iranians from Syria to Beirut shortly before the attack.

Sixty-three people were killed in bombing, 17 of them Americans.